

INTRODUCING THE 2004 NSBC AWARD WINNERS

BOATING EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

The National Safe Boating Council offers this award(s) in its continuing effort to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations in the field of boating safety education and awareness.

The *Boating Education Advancement Award (BEAA)*, sponsored by **Coors Brewing Company**, recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented programs that: 1.) Enhance the image and recognition of boating safety efforts, 2.) Share success stories for the betterment of safe boating, 3.) Create a closer partnership between national, state and local boating education organizations and 4.) Promote the theme of the National Safe Boating Campaign.

Each regional winner receives a \$1,000 prize, an expense paid trip to the Summit and the opportunity to compete for the national grand prize of \$1,500 award and a beautiful trophy.

The winner of this year's National award was the *Northern Association of Boating Administrators (NABA)* entry, **Stark County Park District**, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Their program *B.O.A.T. – Boating Opportunities Across Town* – offers 10 different educational and access opportunities for traditional and non-traditional boaters. Participants gain experience through classroom and actual water based activities. Photo at right show Christy Morgan accepting the award from Deanna Rice of Coors Brewing Company.



The winner from the *Western States Boating Administrators Association (WSBAA)*, sponsored by California Department of Boating and Waterways, was the **California State University of Sacramento Aquatic and Boating Safety Center**. Program coordinator Cindi Dulgar says, "Our Mission is to provide Boating Safety Education through education, recreation and competition." Brian and Cinci Dulgar are shown in photo at left, accepting their award from Deanana Rice.



The *Southern States Boating Law Administrators Association (SSBLAA)* winner was the **ACA Dixie Division National Paddling School**. The entry was submitted by the Dixie Division of the American Canoe Association. The Paddling School is offered the fourth week in May in Cedar Mountain, NC, and is held in conjunction with the Camp High Rocks Outdoor Leader Training Program. Chris Stec is the program coordinator. In photo at right, is NSBC Chair Griswold presenting award to Chris Stec with Coor's Representative, Deanna Rice.



Trophies and checks were presented to these winners at the 2004 Summit Awards Banquet in Panama City, Florida.

Thank you, **Coors Brewing Company**, for your continued support of this award and boating safety.

BOATING SAFETY YOUTH PROGRAM

The *Boating Safety Youth Program Award* is sponsored by **West Marine**. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented innovative youth boating education programs targeting safety issues and concerns of a national interest.

The winner of this award receives an expense paid trip to the Summit, a trophy and a check for \$2,500. Congratulations go to **St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron, Adrea Davis, Commander**, for their participation in the Ron Schara's Kids Fishing Clinic Water Safety Booth. At the booth, Squadron members talk to kids about the importance of wearing life jackets, provide coloring books, flyers about boating education classes and "life saver" candy for everyone.



As seen in the photo above, the trophy and check were presented to this year's Boating Safety Youth Program Award winner at the 2004 Summit during the Wednesday evening awards banquet.

Thank you, **West Marine**, for your continued sponsorship of this award and other programs in support of safer boating.

Through the *Boating Safety Youth Program Award* and the *Boating Education Advancement Award*, the **National Safe Boating Council** encourages partnerships with the boating community and assists local groups in funding projects that demonstrate our mutual excitement about boating safety and our commitment to *Safer Boating through Education*.

For complete details on these awards and to find out how to get your creative boating safety program nominated, visit the National Safe Boating Council's website at www.safeboatingcouncil.org.